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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.9 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.2 million eggs during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.7 million eggs during the same week, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 20, 2021 for the United States were 2.05 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.5 million chicks, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021	March 6, 2021	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	33,702	33,308	33,416	33,607	33,438	33,161	97
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,210	100
Georgia	35,097	34,634	34,704	34,812	34,592	34,737	100
South Carolina....	5,713	5,718	5,807	5,873	5,795	5,818	101
United States	237,616	230,915	237,048	237,716	238,022	236,947	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), March 24, 2021

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama	23,479	23,604	23,864	23,981	23,622	24,628	99
Florida	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,278	1,362	1,351	109
Georgia	25,045	26,528	26,818	25,529	26,335	27,487	102
South Carolina....	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,910	5,432	4,598	87
United States	185,677	182,865	186,947	187,426	182,287	188,269	98

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Alabama	33,702	33,308	33,416	33,607	33,438	33,161
Arkansas	24,195	23,913	24,194	24,084	24,092	24,265
Delaware	4,948	4,948	4,762	5,042	4,948	4,947
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,210
Georgia	35,097	34,634	34,704	34,812	34,592	34,737
Kentucky	8,037	7,877	8,063	8,050	7,852	7,962
Louisiana	3,562	2,284	3,485	3,562	3,441	3,265
Maryland	7,911	7,912	7,942	7,942	7,944	7,914
Mississippi	17,038	16,946	16,936	17,160	16,877	16,920
Missouri	9,197	9,116	9,014	9,316	9,450	9,232
North Carolina	25,056	24,992	25,005	25,089	25,103	25,037
Oklahoma	7,279	6,595	7,582	7,156	7,168	6,693
Pennsylvania	6,312	6,228	6,371	6,322	6,364	6,353
South Carolina	5,713	5,718	5,807	5,873	5,795	5,818
Texas	17,356	14,171	16,927	17,176	17,545	17,639
Virginia	6,458	6,303	6,423	6,500	6,530	6,470
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,853	13,131	13,039	12,493	13,312	13,045
Other States	11,693	11,630	12,169	12,323	12,362	12,279
United States	237,616	230,915	237,048	237,716	238,022	236,947
Percent of previous year	99	97	99	99	100	98

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Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

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Alabama	23,479	23,604	23,864	23,981	23,622	24,628
Arkansas	21,691	21,877	21,927	22,948	20,973	20,503
Delaware	5,320	4,050	3,958	5,578	4,848	5,028
Florida	1,304	1,370	1,354	1,278	1,362	1,351
Georgia	25,045	26,528	26,818	25,529	26,335	27,487
Kentucky	6,628	5,596	5,365	5,963	6,806	5,690
Louisiana	3,019	1,632	2,358	3,041	1,883	2,800
Maryland	5,731	5,374	6,241	4,672	5,791	5,648
Mississippi	13,870	13,777	14,430	14,402	14,273	13,980
Missouri	5,125	5,410	5,665	6,209	6,461	5,942
North Carolina	19,810	20,048	20,015	20,689	20,279	20,892
Oklahoma	4,856	4,382	4,341	2,423	3,354	4,585
Pennsylvania	5,058	4,388	4,976	4,714	4,553	4,701
South Carolina	5,789	5,184	5,211	5,910	5,432	4,598
Texas	13,990	14,124	14,904	13,993	11,552	14,749
Virginia	4,633	6,028	5,117	5,289	5,199	5,100
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,439	11,079	12,184	11,452	10,561	11,123
Other States	8,890	8,414	8,219	9,355	9,003	9,464
United States	185,677	182,865	186,947	187,426	182,287	188,269
Percent of previous year	98	95	98	98	97	98

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